# PLATT'S BIG SCHEME IS IN DAI

Mayor Strong Threatens to Veto the New Police Bill, if Passed, as Unconstitutional.

Lauterbach Is Delayed in Preparing the Measure by Important Civil Service and Financial Problems.

Thomas Byrnes Says the Police Force Is Utterly Demoralized and That He Will Not Be Its Chief.

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HOMAS F. BYRNES, former Superin tendent of Police, yesterday discussed the subject of the Police Department, past, present and future. He particularly favors the single-headed commission, if the Bureau of Elections can be separated from the department. He indulged in considerable criticism of police affairs. The ex-Superintendent gave out the following interview: either by the State Board or under the

"Is there any truth in the statement that direction of the new Commissioners, and you may become chief of the proposed that it will be difficult to make an equi-

metropolitan police system?"

"Under no circumstances would I go back in the Police Department to be subjected several county, town and city governments. to the insults and criticisms of people who, as a matter of law, would be my superiors, and who would not know what they were Friday, and possibly not until next week. talking about relative to the discipline and In the meantime Corporation Counsel

working of the department."

"What is your opinion of the bill that 's now being prepared for the reorganization of the Police Department?"

"The bill, as I have read it, is good and bad, in this way: It says that it will bridge us over until 1898; that part of it is bad, in my tudement. It should be made continuation.

In the meantime Corporation Counsel Scott, who is chief gunner for the Strong Administration, is looking into the constitutionality of the proposed act. He had a long consultation with the Mayor yesterday, and immediately afterward made the significant remark: "I don't believe the measure would be significant remark: "I don't believe the measure would be accomplished."

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of the police force?"

"The mode of examination of witnesses culminated in absolutely taking the last lota of the moral support of the community from the Police Department. Men who were known thieves and who had been sent to prison got a premium in order to go on the stand and swear against those who had been instrumental in having them punished."

"I will not say that," he replied. "A proper time for considering the question is when the measure comes before the Mayor for his approval, as it must, in accordance with the provision of the Constitution requiring that all laws relating to a city must go to the Mayor of the city for approval."

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"From your own experience, do you be-Scott, "It will be on the same lines as in the Here that men appointed by the Governor action against the old Metropolitan Police can manage the department better than

Governor Should Appoint.

"I believe that men appointed by the Governor would manage the police very much better than men appointed by the Mayor, for a variety of reasons. A Mayor appoints a commission that will consider itself responsible to him. If he is a candidate for renomination or re-election, that commission will prostitute every position and prostitute the police force in every way in the world that it can in order to re-elect right. In any event, a decision from the Governor would manage the police wery ment is not and since the dissenting opinion of Justice Brown was a very strong presentation against the dissenting opinion of Justice Brown was a very strong presentation against the decision salnes there is grave doubt whether the act would stand.

"The decision sustaining it was rendered in 1857. Since then the public has been ducated to regard home rule as a sacred in the Const later." in the world that it can in order to re-elect him. If he is not a candidate himself, he has a friend, and the same condition of to be reversed if a similar case is tried by would exist. The way the Police another court. bill is drawn by the Greater New York
Commission, it will be no better in Greater organization seriously intends to pass such New York. In a few years it will lower, a bill. To my mind, the suggestion was put through its commissioners, the standard of the Police Department very much. There the measure through, the indignation of the politan Police act settles the question of the Police Department very much. Liefe is some chance for the elevation of the Police Department where a commission is appointed by the Governor. It eliminates it from local politics in the several districts where it applies."

The inequalities of the policies in the said yesterday, "All that is worrying us," he said yesterday, "Is how to arrange for the payment of officials under the metropolitan system, and what provision to make with regard to civil where it applies."

It is understood that Mr. Scott speaks

"I was appointed in 1863-thirty-four years ago-by Commissioner Thomas Acton. I have since then served under sixty-five HINTS Commissioners of different parties and con-

"What is the present condition of the Police Department, from your observation as a private citizen?"

The Force Demoralized. "From what I have read in the newspapers and from my own knowledge, which same to me through superior officers and patrolmen in the department, I think it is almost in an utter state of demoralization, broken op factionally. When superior officers, according to newspaper reports, put up jobs on their brother officers and go into different precincts for the purpose of trying to obtain complaints againts them to serve some particular interest, or feeling, the status of such a force must certainly

"The police force, as a body-eliminating some of its superior officers, or those who would like to be superior officers-is as grand and as faithful a body of men, properly handled, as ever, in my judgment, was brought together. My experience shows me that, without food or rest, except at intervals, in cases of serious breaches of the peace, no body of men in the world could be more faithful to the requirements of their positions than they are. And where you find one or more men on the force that commit overt acts, if you make a thorough investigation you will find that some su-perior officer is behind it all."

'Can you assign any reason or cause for the large number of highway robberies, burglaries and murders which have not been ferreted out, nor the gullty parties

Crime Due to Those in Charge. "That is all owing to the incapability and gross unfitness of the men who have been selected to fill the superior positions in the

department." 'Are you in favor of a four-headed or a

one-headed Police Commission?" "A one-headed Police Commission would,

in my judgment, be very much better. Dwing to the ramifications of politics the concensus of opinion, however, seems to be in favor of a four-headed Commission. So long as the Bureau of Elections is in the Police Department there should be more than one Commissioner. But when the Election Bureau is detached from the department there should only be one Com-

issioner."
"Do you believe that if a metropolitan allee bill were passed, empowering the overnor to appoint the Commissioners, it ould stop all local wrangles and have a meency to elevate the condition of the

. I believe if such a bill were passed and have a tendency, in less than days, to put the department on a footing. for rooting.

To you believe the park and city police and be consolidated in a city of this "Yes; it is ridiculous to have two Police Departments in a city like ours."



Ex-Supt. of Police Thomas Byrnes. He says the New York police force is thoroughly demoralized, and that he could not be prevailed on to be its chief and undertake the work of reformation.

my judgment. It should be made continuous for a number of years."

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It is understood that Mr. Scott speaks for the Administration, and that the plan for civil service examinations by the Mu-McKinley

### ayor Strong has determined on is to dis. nicipal Board. That board will not come TO EXECUTIONER PLATT.

Police Commissioners Roosevelt, Andrews, Parker and Grant Discuss the Situation, Each from His Own Standpoint.

MORE POWER FOR THE MAYOR, SAYS ROOSEVELT.

Editor the New York Journal: HE only legislation necessary to get the present Police Board out of office is to restore to the Mayor the power of removal he possessed during the first six months of his term.

For myself, I am ready to resign at any time. The charges made against this board in the manifesto issued by Tammany Hall are false in every partic THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

ANDREWS IS BOUND TO BOUNCE CONLIN.

Editor the New York Journal: A s to contemplated legislation to oust the present Police Board, so far as I am personally concerned my resignation—and I believe I can say that of Mr. Roosevelt, also—is ready whenever wanted.

In spite of persistent efforts to cloud the issue, the sole question now to be determined is whether the Police Board can discipline the Chief of Police for gross Insubordination. If the Republican machine can afford to side with the Chief and the two Commissioners who are defending him in this crisis, I am content to be legislated out of office because of my determination to enforce discipline AVERY D. ANDREWS.

PARKER WANTS ROOSEVELT AND ANDREWS TO BEHAVE.

Editor the New York Journal: S to whether the contemplated Police bill—which I have not seen and, therefore, know nothing about—would be the best means of getting rid of the present squabble, I prefer not to express an opinion until I've had time to think the matter out.

As to the charges made in the Tammany Hall manifesto, they were submitted to me in advance of their publication by a newspaper man. I refused to say anything about them then, and I refuse to say anything about them now.

The present difficulty in the Board is to be solved by Messrs. Roosevelt and Andrews being governed by reason and justice rather than emotion and prejudice.

There is no issue as to whether the Police Board can discipline the Chief of Police. No one questions that Commissioner Andrews laid a proposition to that effect before the Board, and that the Board did not approve. In other words, the Board decided there was no case presented for the exercise of the power of discipline. Andrews's motion was settled by that vote, and no regrets can revive it. Chief Conlin can be retired to-day if he so desires, as there are no charges against ANDREW D. PARKER.

GRANT , WANTS PLATT'S BILL TO PASS AT ONCE.

Editor the New York Journal:

HIS Board should be legislated out of office at once. It has given the Legislature ample cause. The proposed bill is on the exact lines which I advocated some time ago.

The idea is to so organize the various departments in the greater city that everything will be in good shape when the new charter goes into effect. For this reason the new measure should become alaw as soon as possible. Every day counts.

The reputation of the present Board is such as to demand its immediate removal. As to the suggestion of the Goo-Goos that I be removed. I would say that I regard them as well meaning gentlemen. As to Dr. Parkhurst's suggestion that 1should resign, I will say that I do not always accept Dr. Parkhurst's suggestions. Some of his ideas go far beyond the practical.

I am not working to get office under the new order of things. It is immaterial to me whether I have an office or not. I have no desire to get office, and if I had, it is extremely doubtful whether I could get one.

The immediate passage of this bill is the only way to get the Police Department into shape. Commissioners appointed for this purpose for five mouths would do more than if they were allowed a term of twenty years. Personally I should like to give the appointing power to the Mayor under the new bill, but that would FREDERICK D. GRANT.

It has been concluded to pass the bill Richmond County police, so that he will be out in case snything happens to the Lauterbach measure. The Republicans hope thereby to get control of the county.

Possible Reward for Grant.

A Sop for "Paddy" Gleason.

"By consolidation better discipline could be maintained, and we would have a pence army unequalled by any other city in the world. I want it understood, however, that the annexed police must have the same salaries and the same benefits now enjoyed by the force in New York City."

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McKinley,

"I should like to," he said, "and possibly would, if I could get one, but I do not expect anything."

"Would you resign you present place apart from that?"

"I would willingly resign if the whole Board would resign. I cannot and will not run away. I cannot recede from my position, as I think my acts as Police Commissioner have been right."

The Mayor would not discuss the matter, though, evidently, he was worried over the turn affairs had taken. His friends say he is not opposed to legislating the present commissioners out of office, provided he can appoint their successors. It is though he would reappoint Roosevelt and Andrews, and take new men in place of Grant and Parker."

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